

### **Amendment 19 offered by Mr. Ruiz**

Insert a new subsection entitled “INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE” before the subsection entitled “21ST CENTURY CURES AND MENTAL HEALTH REFORMS”:

The Committee will review the management and operations of the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the quality and adequacy of the health care prevention and treatment services it provides. The Committee will examine how recent actions taken by IHS and other HHS entities have improved the availability and quality of services provided to the 2.2 million American Indian and Alaska Native people served by IHS. Some of those actions include the adoption of the IHS Quality Framework, the creation of the HHS Executive Council on Quality Care to Improve IHS Care, and the launch of the HHS National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda. The Committee will investigate whether the IHS has adequate tools and authorities to be competitive in attracting quality providers to serve in IHS facilities. The Committee will examine whether there is adequate funding available to IHS to meet the needs of the growing American Indian and Alaska Native population.